## **DISTRICT DONATES ALTERNATE PATROL VEHICLES TO VVC CAMPUS POLICE**

ictor Valley College's Campus Police Department has unveiled its latest weapons to deter campus crime - two three-wheeled, electricpowered Alternate Patrol Vehicles - also known as "T3's" - purchased with a grant awarded by the MDAQMD. Officers from VVC's police department showcased the zero-emission vehicles - which look like a cross between an ATV and a Segway on steroids – during a press conference held at the College in April.



Victor Valley College Board of Trustees President Joe Range (left) and MDAQMD Executive Director Eldon Heaston (right), pause for a quick photo op with Jon Schorle, VVC's Chief of Police (center). Range and Heaston could not resist the opportunity to test drive the college's latest vehicle additions - also known as "T3's." The T-3's will replace two traditional gas powered vehicles and allow for an increase in police presence and mobility during sporting and community events.

Reaching speeds of up to 25 M.P.H., VVC's new T3's are high-performance vehicles with a compact design and a zero-degree turning radius, which means they can easily turn around inside an elevator. According to Jon Schorle, VVC's Chief of Police, the T3's are ideal for patrolling a college environment. "They are small enough to go inside a building, if needed, and non-intrusive on pathways and parking lots; they can also help us cut response time in half," said Schorle.

Another important feature of the T3's is the accessibility and visibility they afford campus officers in interacting with students and the community. According to Schorle, "These vehicles are perfect for a college setting and significantly cheaper to operate than regular vehicles, at about 10 cents local projects that reduce mobile source emissions.

per day of electricity. We will be using them to give us increased mobility during sporting and community events where crowds gather." Schorle added that "The T3's are a welcomed tool in our quest for student safety and definitely fit the College's ideology for community policing efforts."

While the T3's are expected to help deter crime at VVC, they are also anticipated to significantly reduce air pollution emissions associated with conventional, gasoline-powered patrol cars used by Campus Police. Under the terms of the \$21,153 grant awarded to VVC by the MDAQMD for the purchase of the two zero-emissions vehicles, the police department will be removing two of their older, gasoline-fueled patrol cars from service. According to MDAQMD Executive Director Eldon Heaston, the vehicle swap represents a win-win proposition for VVC students and air quality alike. "The use of these quiet, environmentallyfriendly T3's means two less patrol cars will be creating emissions and VVC officers will be able to respond to calls faster. With more than 60% of California's air pollution originating from mobile sources, such as cars, every reduction from this source we can make benefits the air we breathe."

Additional emission reductions are anticipated from the T3s' highly energy-efficient electric motors, which get the equivalent of over 500 miles a gallon of gasoline per charge. Additionally, the T3's never require down time, due to each vehicle's two rechargeable, lightweight batteries that can be easily swapped out while in use for continual deployment and unlimited range.

Funding for the T3's was provided through a grant from the MDAQMD's AB2766 Competitive Grant Program, which utilizes a potion of funds allocated to the air district from motor vehicle registration fees to fund

## ARB OFFERS FREE IN-USE OFF ROAD DIESEL VEHICLE REGULATION TRAINING

he Air Resources Board has adopted a new In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation to reduce NOx and PM emissions from existing off-



road vehicles with a rating of 25 bhp or more used in construction, mining and other industries. The regulation requires fleet owners to report to ARB then retrofit, repower or replace their off-road diesel-fueled vehicles gradually over the next decade.

To assist fleet owners with their compliance efforts, ARB staff is conducting a series of half-day training seminars on the regulation. These sessions - several of which will be available via Webcast - will provide an in-depth presentation of the regulation and how to comply, as well as information regarding grant

opportunities. Participants will also have an opportunity to speak one-on-one with providers of exhaust retrofit devices. This training will repeat material covered in the first three rounds of training seminars conducted July 2008 through March 2009 and will also cover recent regulatory changes mandated by the State legislature.

To register for a training course, go to: http://www.arb.ca.gov/training/courses.php?course=504

Permit Activity July 2008 — May 2009	
Active Permits	3,843
Permitted Facilities	968
Number of Applications	503